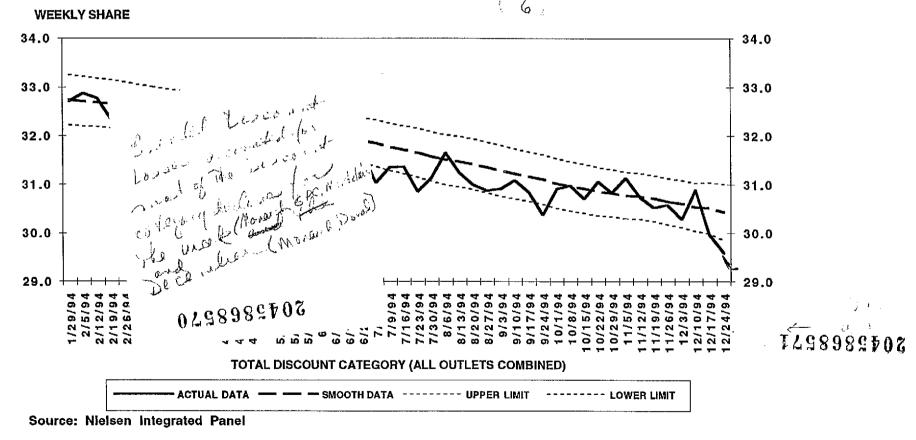
THE DISCOUNT CATEGORY WAS DOWN -0.4 POINTS TO 29.3%, AS BRANDED DISCOUNT LOSSES (PRIMARILY MONARCH, GPC AND MONTCLAIR) MORE THAN OFFSET PRIVATE LABEL GAINS. THE CATEGORY'S DECEMBER SHARE WAS DOWN -0.5 POINTS.



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